

House File 2404 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 682)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring certain health insurance contracts, policies,
2 or plans to provide coverage for audiological services and
3 hearing aids for children.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 514C.26 **Audiological services and**
2 **hearing aids for children — coverage.**

3 1. Notwithstanding the uniformity of treatment requirements
4 of section 514C.6, a contract, policy, or plan providing for
5 third-party payment or prepayment of health or medical expenses
6 shall provide minimum coverage benefits for audiological
7 services and hearing aids for children, including but not
8 limited to the following classes of third-party payment
9 provider contracts, policies, or plans delivered, issued for
10 delivery, continued, or renewed in this state on or after
11 January 1, 2011:

12 a. Individual or group accident and sickness insurance
13 providing coverage on an expense-incurred basis.

14 b. An individual or group hospital or medical service
15 contract issued pursuant to chapter 509, 514, or 514A.

16 c. An individual or group health maintenance organization
17 contract regulated under chapter 514B.

18 d. An individual or group Medicare supplemental policy,
19 unless coverage pursuant to such policy is preempted by federal
20 law.

21 e. A plan established pursuant to chapter 509A for public
22 employees.

23 2. This section shall not apply to accident-only, specified
24 disease, short-term hospital or medical, hospital confinement
25 indemnity, credit, dental, vision, long-term care, basic
26 hospital and medical-surgical expense coverage as defined
27 by the commissioner, disability income insurance coverage,
28 coverage issued as a supplement to liability insurance,
29 workers' compensation or similar insurance, or automobile
30 medical payment insurance.

31 3. As used in this section, "*minimum coverage for*
32 *audiological services and hearing aids for children*" means
33 coverage that includes, at a minimum, all of the following:

34 a. Coverage for audiological evaluations performed by a
35 licensed audiologist.

